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Group: 2768

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 26, 2000

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the original specification with the attached Substitute Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1, line 2, delete "characterized by being provided with," and insert
--comprising:--.

Claim 2, line 5, delete "the" (second occurrence) and insert --a--.

Claim 3, line 7, delete "characterized in";

line 8, delete "that" and insert --wherein--.

Claim 4, line 2, delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--;